

VEHICLE-MOUNTED CAMERA POSE ESTIMATION METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is proposed on the basis of Chinese Patent Application
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10 patent application, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

15 The present application relates to the technical field of intelligent driving, and
in particular, relates to vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation methods, apparatuses,
and systems, and electronic devices.

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BACKGROUND

An intelligent driving system, such as an Advanced Driver Assistant System
(ADAS) or an unmanned driving system, senses the surrounding environment in real
time during the driving of a vehicle (an automobile, an electric vehicle, a train, etc.)
25 by using various sensors mounted on the vehicle, so as to assist a driver in controlling
the vehicle and pre-warn the driver about a possible danger, so that the safety and
comfortableness of the driver during driving are improved.

In an ADAS, a vehicle-mounted camera is used as a main sensor, so that data
acquired by the vehicle-mounted camera is especially important. The vehicle-mounted
30 camera usually works with a specific pose, and the data acquired by the vehicle-
mounted camera is data acquired under the specific pose, and the vehicle-mounted
camera may shake during vehicle driving and the vehicle-mounted camera may be
detached and mounted during the maintenance of the vehicle-mounted camera, which
may both cause the pose of the vehicle-mounted camera to change.

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SUMMARY

Embodiments of the present disclosure provide technical solutions of vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation and application thereof.

5 In a first aspect, the embodiments of the present disclosure provide a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method, including:

 performing lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera;

 obtaining horizon information of the road according to a lane line detection
10 result; and

 obtaining pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information.

 In a second aspect, the embodiments of the present disclosure further provide a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus, including:

15 a lane line detection module, configured to perform lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera;

 a horizon information obtaining module, configured to obtain horizon information of the road according to a lane line detection result; and

20 a pose information obtaining module, configured to obtain pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information.

 In a third aspect, the embodiments of the present disclosure provide an electronic device, including:

 a memory, configured to store a program instructions; and

25 a processor, configured to call and execute the program instructions in the memory to execute operations of the method according to any one of feasible implementations of the first aspect.

 In a fourth aspect, the embodiments of the present disclosure provide a readable storage medium, in which computer programs are stored, where the
30 computer programs are used for executing the operations of the method according to any one of the feasible implementations of the first aspect.

 In a fifth aspect, the embodiments of the present disclosure provide a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation system, applied to a vehicle, and including a camera

mounted on the vehicle and the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus according to any one of feasible implementations of the second aspect and communicatively connected to the camera.

5 In a sixth aspect, the embodiments of the present disclosure further provide a computer program product, including computer instructions. When the computer instructions are run in a processor of a device, the operations of the method according to any one of the feasible implementations of the first aspect are implemented.

10 The embodiments of the present application provide a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method and apparatus, including: performing lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera; obtaining horizon information of the road on which the vehicle drives according to a lane line detection result; and obtaining pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information. The position of the vehicle-mounted camera in the vehicle-mounted
15 camera pose estimation method provided by the embodiments of the present application does not need to be fixed, and a pose of the camera can be obtained in real time. Therefore, the pose estimation accuracy of the vehicle-mounted camera is improved.

20 **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS**

To describe the technical solutions in embodiments of the present invention or the prior art more clearly, the accompanying drawings required for describing the embodiments or the prior art are briefly introduced below. Apparently, the
25 accompanying drawings in the following description show some embodiments of the present disclosure, and a person of ordinary skill in the art can still derive other accompanying drawings from these accompanying drawings without creative efforts.

FIG. 1 is a schematic flowchart of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method provided by embodiment I of the present disclosure;

30 FIG. 2 is an example of an application scenario suitable for the embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram I of an image captured by a vehicle-mounted camera in the embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 4 is a schematic diagram II of an image captured by a vehicle-mounted

camera in the embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 5 is a schematic flowchart of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method provided by embodiment II of the present disclosure;

FIG. 6 is a schematic flowchart of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method provided by embodiment III of the present disclosure;

FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram of a principle of pitch angle estimation of a vehicle-mounted camera provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 8 is a schematic diagram of a principle of horizontal deviation angle estimation of a vehicle-mounted camera provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 9 is a schematic structural diagram of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 10 is a schematic structural diagram of a pose information obtaining module provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 11 is an entity block diagram of an electronic device provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure;

FIG. 12 is a schematic diagram of an architecture of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation system provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

To describe the purpose, the technical solutions, and the advantages of embodiments of the present disclosure more clearly, the technical solutions of the embodiments of the present disclosure are clearly and fully described below with reference to the accompanying drawings in the embodiments of the present disclosure. Apparently, the described embodiments are some of the embodiments of the present disclosure rather than all the embodiments. Based on the embodiments of the present disclosure, all other embodiments obtained by a person of ordinary skill in the art without involving an inventive effort shall fall within the scope of protection of the present disclosure.

The execution subject of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method of the embodiments of the present disclosure may be an electronic device such as a terminal device or a server, where the terminal device is a User Equipment (UE), a

mobile device, a user terminal, a terminal, a cellular phone, a cordless phone, a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), a handheld device, a computing device, a vehicle-mounted camera, other vehicle-mounted devices that are not a camera, a wearable device, and the like. In some possible implementations, the pose estimation method is implemented by a processor by calling a computer readable instruction stored in a memory.

FIG. 1 is a schematic flowchart of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method provided by embodiment I of the present disclosure. In this embodiment, lane line detection is performed on images captured by a vehicle-mounted camera, lane line information within the images is determined according to a lane line detection result, and then a pose of the camera is obtained according to the lane line information within each image. Thus, the amount of computation is less and the requirement for the position of the camera is lowered.

As illustrated in FIG. 1, the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure includes the following operations.

At S101, lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives is performed on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera.

Exemplarily, this embodiment is applied to a vehicle in which a vehicle-mounted camera is mounted, and the vehicle-mounted camera is capable of photographing road information. FIG. 2 is an example of an application scenario suitable for the embodiments of the present disclosure. As illustrated in FIG. 2, when a vehicle drives on a road, a vehicle-mounted camera provided at the front of the vehicle photographs the road, and the vehicle-mounted camera acquires a video stream of the road on which the vehicle drives, the video stream including at least one frame of image. Exemplarily, the vehicle-mounted camera in the embodiments of the present disclosure is mounted at any position on front windshield glass of the vehicle.

In some embodiments, the road in the embodiments of the present disclosure is a structured road. The structured road generally refers to a road that is well structured, such as a highway and an urban main road. Such a road

has a road marker line such as a lane line, the background environment of the road is relatively simple, and the geometric feature of the road is also obvious. An unstructured road generally refers to a road that is less structured, such as an urban non-main road and a country street. Such a road has no lane lines and/or clear road boundaries, and a road area and a non-road area are difficult to be distinguished under the influences of shadows and water marks. By applying the technical solutions provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure on a structured road, the pose estimation of the vehicle-mounted camera is good in effect and accurate in result.

In some embodiments, after being estimated, the pose of the vehicle-mounted camera is used in various application scenarios, such as positioning, navigation, and road scene restoration of a vehicle-mounted device.

In some embodiments, a process of determining that a vehicle drives on a structured road specifically includes the following operations:

lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives is performed on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera; and if there is an image including at least two lane lines in the video stream, it is determined that the vehicle drives on a structured road.

Exemplarily, when a vehicle drives on a road and a vehicle-mounted camera is turned on to start photographing, lane line detection of the road is performed on an image captured by the camera, and when a certain frame of image is detected to include at least two lane lines, it is determined that the vehicle drives on a structured road. In some embodiments, when a certain frame of image is detected to include at least two lane lines adjacent to the vehicle, it is determined that the vehicle drives on a structured road.

Exemplarily, the lane line detection result includes lane line information.

In some embodiments, the lane line information is information of two lane lines at the left and right sides of the vehicle or information of any two lane lines on the road. The two lane lines may be straight lane lines or curved lane lines, which is not limited by the embodiments of the present disclosure.

The lane line information is expressed by means of a lane line function, and the process of obtaining the lane line information is described in the following embodiments.

At S102, horizon information of the road on which the vehicle drives is

obtained according to a lane line detection result.

Exemplarily, the horizon information is a horizon function in an image captured by a vehicle-mounted camera.

5 In some embodiments, a feasible method for obtaining horizon information includes the following operations.

At S11, lane lines fitting are performed according to the lane line detection result to obtain lane line information of at least two lane lines of the road.

10 Exemplarily, for each of at least two frames of images in a video stream acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera, lane line functions corresponding to at least two lane lines in the image are obtained. FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram I of an image captured by a vehicle-mounted camera in the embodiments of the present disclosure. FIG. 4 is a schematic diagram II of an image captured by a vehicle-mounted camera in the embodiments of the present disclosure. As illustrated in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4, detection is performed
15 on an image by means of an algorithm such as feature extraction, and lane lines in the image are obtained. The lane lines are generally straight lines as illustrated in FIG. 3 and curves as illustrated in FIG. 4. Exemplarily, the upper left corner of the image is taken as a coordinate origin, and the lane line
20 functions of the lane lines in the image are fitted.

In some embodiments, the obtaining lane line functions corresponding to the at least two lane lines in the image specifically includes the following operations.

25 At S111, lane line pixel points belonging to the lane lines are obtained according to the lane line detection result.

Exemplarily, in consideration of the characteristics of the lane lines, i.e., being continuous and usually being straight lines and curves, an image segmentation algorithm, a feature extraction algorithm, a convolutional neural network algorithm, and the like may be used for detecting lanes in the image,
30 and the lane line pixel points belonging to the lane lines are marked in the image according to a detection result.

At S112, the lane lines fitting are performed according to the lane line pixel points to obtain the lane line information of the at least two lane lines of

the road.

Exemplarily, after the lane line pixel points belonging to the lane lines in the image are determined, a curve function fitting process is performed on the lane line pixel points in the image by using OpenCV, so as to obtain lane line functions of all the lane lines in the image. Exemplarily, for a straight lane line, the lane line function is usually a linear function.

At S12, a vanishing-point of the lane lines is obtained according to the lane line information of the at least two lane lines.

Exemplarily, according to a perspective principle, the lane lines intersect at the horizon. Therefore, the vanishing-point of the lane line functions falls on the horizon. Coordinates of the vanishing-point within the image are obtained according to the lane line functions. Exemplarily, when the lane lines are curves, a point of the lane line functions within a pixel coordinate range of the image is used as a vanishing-point of the lane line functions.

At S13, the horizon information is obtained according to the vanishing-point of the lane lines.

Exemplarily, in consideration of the vanishing-point of the lane lines being located on the horizon, a horizon function is obtained according to the vanishing-point within each frame of image.

Exemplarily, on the basis of this embodiment, after the horizon information is obtained in S102, the pose estimation of the vehicle-mounted camera further includes the following operations.

At S1021, way-points information of the vehicle is obtained according to the horizon information and a vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera.

Exemplarily, the way-points information is a way-points function. The vanishing-point moves with the angle of view of the vehicle-mounted camera, and the vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera indicates a road vanishing-point of the way-points captured by the vehicle-mounted camera. According to the perspective principle, since the vehicle driving way-points are vertical to the horizon, and the vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera in the image is located on the vehicle driving way-points, a vehicle driving way-points function may be obtained according to the obtained horizon function and vanishing-point in the image.

At S103, the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained

according to the horizon information.

Exemplarily, the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera includes at least one of the following: a rotation angle, a pitch angle, and a horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera.

5 Exemplarily, with the change of the pose of the vehicle-mounted camera, the horizon and way-points in the image captured by the vehicle-mounted camera are different, and therefore, the pose of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained according to the horizon information and way-points information obtained.

10 Exemplarily, the rotation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is specifically determined according to slope information of the horizon. The horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained according to the way-points information. The pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained according to the horizon information.

15 The embodiments of the present disclosure provide a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method and apparatus, including: performing lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera; obtaining horizon information of the road on which the vehicle drives according to a lane line detection
20 result; and obtaining pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information. The position of the vehicle-mounted camera in the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure does not need to be fixed, and a pose of the camera can be obtained in real time. Therefore, the pose estimation
25 accuracy of the vehicle-mounted camera is improved.

Exemplarily, the solutions involved in the embodiments may be applied to an intelligent driving scenario. For example, in an assistant driving or automatic driving scenario, by obtaining the accurate pose of the vehicle-mounted camera in real time, the safety of assistant driving or automatic
30 driving may be improved. Exemplarily, after the pose information of the camera is obtained, the positioning, navigation, scenario restoration, and the like of the vehicle are further performed according to the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera.

Exemplarily, on the basis of the embodiments above, the embodiments of the present disclosure further provide a vehicle-mount camera pose estimation method. FIG. 5 is a schematic flowchart of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method provided by embodiment II of the present disclosure. In this embodiment, the process of obtaining horizon information according to the vanishing-point of the lane lines is explained in detail. As illustrated in FIG. 5, the obtaining the horizon information according to the vanishing-point of the lane lines includes the following operations.

At S501, a vanishing-point probabilistic graphic is obtained according to the vanishing-point of the lane lines in each of multiple frames of images included in the video stream.

Exemplarily, for N frames of images of the multiple frames of images included in the video stream, statistics about pixel coordinates of the vanishing-point within each frame of image are collected, the vanishing-point probabilistic graphic is obtained according to the pixel coordinates of the vanishing-points within the N frames of images, and the value of each pixel point in the vanishing-point probabilistic graphic is the number of images, with the vanishing-point located at the pixel point, within the N frames of images, where N is a positive integer greater than 1.

At S502, a vanishing-point belonging to the horizon is obtained according to the vanishing-point probabilistic graphic.

Exemplarily, after the vanishing-point probabilistic graphic is obtained, a density-based clustering algorithm is used to remove outliers, and determine the vanishing-point belonging to the horizon in the vanishing-point probabilistic graphic.

At S503, the horizon information is obtained according to the obtained vanishing-point belonging to the horizon.

Exemplarily, after the vanishing-point belonging to the horizon is obtained, a horizon function is constructed according to the coordinates of each vanishing-point, and the horizon function is a linear function. Exemplarily, in a possible implementation, the upper left corner of the image is taken as a coordinate origin, and the horizon function is $Y=100$. In this case, the horizon in the image is a horizontal line.

Exemplarily, in this embodiment, based on the perspective principle, in consideration of the vanishing-point of the lane lines being located on the horizon, the

horizon information is determined according to the vanishing-point of the lane lines within each image. Thus, the manner of obtaining the horizon information is simplified, and the amount of computation for the pose estimation of the vehicle-mounted camera is reduced.

5 In some embodiments, on the basis of any of the embodiments above, the manner of obtaining the vanishing-point may exemplarily be: obtaining the vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera by performing averaging processing on the obtained vanishing-points belonging to the horizon.

10 Exemplarily, according to the perspective principle, in consideration of the vanishing-point being located on the horizon, the horizontal and vertical coordinates of each vanishing-point are respectively averaged according to the coordinates of the vanishing-point belonging to the horizon, so as to determine the horizontal and vertical coordinates of the vanishing-point, thereby obtaining the vanishing-point.

15 On the basis of any of the embodiments above, the manner of obtaining the vanishing-point may also be exemplified as illustrated in FIG. 6, in which the process of obtaining the vanishing-point includes the following operations.

20 At S601, a probability image of the lane lines is obtained according to at least two frames of images in multiple frames of images included in the video stream.

The value of each pixel point in the probability image indicates the probability of the pixel point belonging to the lane line.

25 Exemplarily, in a possible implementation, for N frames of images, in consideration of the number of straight lane lines being far more than the number of curved lane lines, a probability image of the straight lane lines is obtained according to statistics collection. The value of each pixel point in the probability image indicates the probability of the pixel point belonging to a lane line. In some embodiments, the value of each pixel point in the probability image further indicates the number of times that the pixel point
30 belongs to a lane line in the N frames of images.

At S602, the lane line information of at least two lane lines is obtained according to the probability image.

Exemplarily, pixel points belonging to the lane lines are determined in the probability image, and the functions of the lane lines can be fitted according to the pixel points belonging to the lane lines.

At S603, a vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained
5 according to the lane line information of the at least two lane lines.

Exemplarily, according to the perspective principle, the vanishing-point of the functions of the lane lines is obtained as a vanishing-point.

Exemplarily, in this embodiment, based on the perspective principle, in consideration of the vanishing-point of the lane lines being a vanishing-point, the
10 probability image is obtained by collecting statistics on the basis of the multiple frames of images so as to determine lane line functions, and then a vanishing-point is obtained according to the vanishing-point of the lane lines. The manner of obtaining the vanishing-point is simplified, and the amount of computation for the pose estimation of the vehicle-mounted camera is reduced.

15 In some embodiments, on the basis of any of the embodiments above, the obtaining the pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon function specifically includes the following operation:

the pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained according to the horizon information and the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

20 Exemplarily, according to a distance from the pixel point of the main optical axis of the vehicle-mounted camera mapped in the image to the horizon function and the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera, the pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained.

Exemplarily, a distance D1 from the pixel point of the main optical axis of the
25 vehicle-mounted camera mapped in the image to the horizon function is obtained, and the pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained according to $\arctan(D1/(f*PM))$,

where f is the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera, PM is an intrinsic parameter of the image acquired by the vehicle-mounted camera, and the unit of the
30 intrinsic parameter is pixels/millimeter, indicating the number of pixels per millimeter that can be imaged on an imaging element.

FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram of a principle of pitch angle estimation of a

vehicle-mounted camera provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure. FIG. 7 is a side view of a vehicle driving on a road. As illustrated in FIG. 7, BE is a road on which a vehicle drives, BD is vertical to the ground, AD is parallel to the ground, and the dotted line of AD indicates a line parallel to the ground and having the same height as the camera. MA is f, i.e., the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera. MN is the size of the imaging element in the camera. θ is the pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera, and $\tan\theta=MN/f$. Moreover, a pixel point of the main optical axis of the vehicle-mounted camera mapped in the image is point P, PQ is the distance D1 from the pixel point of the main optical axis of the vehicle-mounted camera mapped in the image to the horizon function, the unit of D1 is pixel, and $MN=PQ/PM$.

Exemplarily, the obtaining the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the way-points information includes the following operation:

the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained according to the way-points information and the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

Exemplarily, according to the distance from the pixel point of the main optical axis of the vehicle-mounted camera mapped in the image to the way-points function and the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera, the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is obtained.

Exemplarily, a distance D2 from the pixel point of the main optical axis of the vehicle-mounted camera mapped in the image to the way-points function is obtained, and the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted

camera is obtained according to $\arctan\left(D2/(f*PM)\right)$.

Exemplarily, FIG. 8 is a schematic diagram of a principle of a horizontal deviation angle estimation method for a vehicle-mounted camera provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure. FIG. 8 is a top view of a vehicle driving on a road. As illustrated in FIG. 8, ψ is the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera, GAC is the heading of a vehicle, and $\tan\psi=GH/f$, where GH is the size of the imaging element in the camera, and $GH=CD/PM$. The pixel point of the main optical axis of the

vehicle-mounted camera mapped in the image is point D, CD is the distance D2 from the pixel point of the main optical axis of the vehicle-mounted camera mapped in the image to the way-points function, and f is the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

5 Exemplarily, the obtaining the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information includes the following operation:

the rotation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera is determined according to the slope information of the horizon.

10 Exemplarily, the horizon function is a linear function in the image. When the vehicle-mounted camera does not rotate, the horizon function is a horizontal straight line. When the vehicle-mounted camera rotates, the slope of the horizon function may indicate the rotation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera.

Another aspect of the embodiments of the present disclosure further provides a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus. FIG. 9 is a schematic structural
15 diagram of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure. As illustrated in FIG. 9, the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus includes:

a lane line detection module 901, configured to perform lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by
20 a vehicle-mounted camera;

a horizon information obtaining module 902, configured to obtain horizon information of the road on which the vehicle drives according to a lane line detection result; and

a pose information obtaining module 903, configured to obtain pose
25 information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information.

The embodiments of the present disclosure provide a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method and apparatus, including: performing lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera; obtaining horizon information of the road on which the
30 vehicle drives according to a lane line detection result; and obtaining pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information. The position of the vehicle-mounted camera in the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure does not need to be fixed, and

a pose of the camera can be obtained in real time. Therefore, the pose estimation accuracy of the vehicle-mounted camera is improved.

In some embodiments, the road is a structured road, and/or the vehicle-mounted camera is mounted at any position on front windshield glass of the vehicle.

The road in the embodiments of the present disclosure is a structured road. The structured road generally refers to a road that is well structured, such as a highway and an urban main road. Such a road has a road marker line such as a lane line, the background environment of the road is relatively simple, and the geometric feature of the road is also obvious. An unstructured road generally refers to a road that is less structured, such as an urban non-main road and a country street. Such a road has no lane lines and/or clear road boundaries, and a road area and a non-road area are difficult to be distinguished under the influences of shadows and water marks. By applying the technical solutions provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure on a structured road, the pose estimation of the vehicle-mounted camera is good in effect and accurate in result.

In some embodiments, the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera includes a rotation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera.

Exemplarily, as illustrated in FIG. 9 and FIG. 10, the pose information obtaining module 903 further includes:

a rotation angle obtaining unit 1001, configured to determine the rotation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to slope information of the horizon.

In some embodiments, the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera further includes a horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera.

As illustrated in FIG. 9, the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus further includes: a way-points information obtaining module 904, configured to obtain the way-points information of the vehicle according to the horizon information.

In some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 9 and FIG. 10, the pose information obtaining module 903 includes:

a horizontal deviation angle obtaining unit 1002, configured to obtain the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the way-points information.

5 In some embodiments, the horizontal deviation angle obtaining unit 1002 is specifically configured to obtain the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the way-points information and the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

In some embodiments, the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera includes a pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera.

10 In some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 9 and FIG. 10, the pose information obtaining module 903 includes:

a pitch angle obtaining unit 1003, configured to obtain the pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information and the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

15 In some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 9, the horizon information obtaining module 902 includes:

a lane line information obtaining unit 9021, configured to perform lane lines fitting according to the lane line detection result to obtain lane line information of at least two lane lines of the road;

20 a vanishing-point obtaining unit 9022, configured to obtain a vanishing-point of the lane lines according to the lane line information of the at least two lane lines; and

a horizon information obtaining unit 9023, configured to obtain the horizon information according to the vanishing-point of the lane lines.

25 In some embodiments, the lane line information obtaining unit 9021 is specifically configured to: obtain lane line pixel points belonging to the lane lines according to the lane line detection result; and

perform the lane lines fitting according to the lane line pixel points to obtain the lane line information of the at least two lane lines of the road.

30 In some embodiments, the horizon information obtaining unit 9023 is specifically configured to:

obtain a vanishing-point probabilistic graphic according to a vanishing-point of lane lines in each of multiple frames of images included in the video stream;

obtain a vanishing-point belonging to the horizon according to the vanishing-point probabilistic graphic; and

obtain the horizon information according to the obtained vanishing-point belonging to the horizon.

5 According to the perspective principle, the lane lines intersect at the horizon. Therefore, the vanishing-point of the lane line functions falls on the horizon. Coordinates of the vanishing-point within the image are obtained according to the lane line functions. Exemplarily, when the lane lines are curves, a point of the lane line functions within a pixel coordinate range of the
10 image is used as a vanishing-point of the lane line functions.

In some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 9, the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus further includes: a vanishing-point obtaining module 905, configured to: obtain a vanishing-point belonging to the horizon according to a vanishing-point of at least two lane lines within each of
15 multiple frames of images included in the video stream; and

obtain a vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera by performing averaging processing on the obtained vanishing-points belonging to the horizon.

In some embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 9, the vehicle-mounted
20 camera pose estimation apparatus further includes: the vanishing-point obtaining module 905, configured to: obtain a probability image of the lane lines according to at least two frames of images in the video stream, where the value of each pixel point in the probability image indicates the probability of the pixel point belonging to the lane line;

25 obtain lane line information of at least two lane lines according to the probability image; and

obtain a vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the lane line information of the at least two lane lines.

Exemplarily, as illustrated in FIG. 9, the vehicle-mounted camera pose
30 estimation apparatus further includes:

a camera calibration module 906, configured to calibrate the vehicle-mounted camera according to the pose information.

Exemplarily, as illustrated in FIG. 9, the vehicle-mounted camera pose

estimation apparatus further includes:

a vehicle positioning module 907, configured to determine positioning information of the vehicle according to the pose information.

FIG. 11 is an entity block diagram of an electronic device provided by the
5 embodiments of the present disclosure. As illustrated in FIG. 11, the electronic device includes:

a memory 1101, used for storing a program instruction; and

a processor 1102, used for calling and executing the program instruction in the memory to execute operations of the method according to the method embodiments.

10 FIG. 12 is a schematic diagram of an architecture of a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation system provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure. The system is applied to a vehicle. As illustrated in FIG. 12, the system includes a camera 1201 mounted on a vehicle and a vehicle-mounted camera pose estimating apparatus 1202 connected to the camera 1201.

15 The embodiments of the present disclosure further provide a readable storage medium, in which a computer program is stored, where the computer program is used for executing operations of the method according to the method embodiments.

The embodiments of the present disclosure further provide a computer program product, including a computer instruction. When the computer instruction is
20 run in a processor of a device, the operations of the method according to the method embodiments are implemented.

It should be understood that for the descriptions of the working processes, the setting modes, the technical effects, and the like of components, modules, or units of any of the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatuses, vehicle-mounted
25 camera pose estimation systems, and electronic devices provided by the embodiments of the present disclosure, reference may be made to the corresponding descriptions of the method embodiments of the present disclosure, and details are not described herein again due to space limitation.

A person of ordinary skill in the art may understand that: all or some
30 operations of implementing the foregoing method embodiments may be achieved by a program by instructing related hardware; the foregoing program can be stored in a computer readable storage medium; when the program is executed, operations including the foregoing method embodiments are executed. Moreover, the foregoing

storage medium includes various media capable of storing program codes such as ROM, RAM, a magnetic disk, or an optical disk.

It should be explained at last that: the foregoing embodiments are merely intended for describing the technical solutions of the present disclosure other than
5 limiting the present disclosure. Although the present disclosure is described in detail with reference to the foregoing embodiments, persons of ordinary skill in the art should understand that they may still make modifications to the technical solutions described in the foregoing embodiments or make equivalent replacements to some or all technical features thereof, and such modifications or replacements do not departing
10 the essence of the corresponding technical solutions from the scope of the technical solutions of the embodiments of the present disclosure.

CLAIMS

- 5 1. A vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method, comprising:
performing lane line detection of a road on which a vehicle drives on the basis
of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera;
obtaining horizon information of the road according to a lane line detection
result; and
10 obtaining pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the
horizon information.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the road is a structured road; and/or the
vehicle-mounted camera is mounted at any position on front windshield glass of the
15 vehicle.
3. The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the pose information of the vehicle-
mounted camera comprises a rotation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera, and the
obtaining the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the
20 horizon information comprises
determining the rotation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to
slope information of the horizon.
4. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the pose information of
25 the vehicle-mounted camera comprises a horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-
mounted camera; and the obtaining the pose information of the vehicle-mounted
camera according to the horizon information comprises:
obtaining way-points information of the vehicle according to the horizon
information; and
30 obtaining the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera
according to the way-points information.

5. The method according to claim 4, wherein the obtaining the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the way-points information comprises:

obtaining the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera
5 according to the way-points information and a focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

6. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera comprises a pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera.

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7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the obtaining the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information comprises:

obtaining the pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information and the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

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8. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the obtaining the horizon information of the road according to the lane line detection result comprises:

performing lane lines fitting according to the lane line detection result to obtain lane line information of at least two lane lines of the road;

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obtaining a vanishing-point of the at least two lane lines according to the lane line information of the at least two lane lines; and

obtaining the horizon information according to the vanishing-point of the at least two lane lines.

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9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the performing lane lines fitting according to the lane line detection result to obtain lane line information of at least two lane lines of the road comprises:

obtaining lane line pixel points belonging to lane lines of the road according to the lane line detection result; and

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performing the lane lines fitting according to the lane line pixel points to obtain the lane line information of the at least two lane lines.

10. The method according to claim 8, wherein the obtaining the horizon information according to the vanishing-point of the at least two lane lines comprises:

obtaining a vanishing-point probabilistic graphic according to a vanishing-point of lane lines within each of multiple frames of images comprised in the video

5 stream;

obtaining a vanishing-point belonging to the horizon according to the vanishing-point probabilistic graphic; and

obtaining the horizon information according to the obtained vanishing-point belonging to the horizon.

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11. The method according to claim 4, wherein the obtaining the way-points information of the vehicle according to the horizon information comprises:

obtaining the way-points information of the vehicle according to the horizon information and a vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera.

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12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the method further comprises:

obtaining a vanishing-point belonging to a horizon within each of multiple frames of images comprised in the video stream according to a vanishing-point of at least two lane lines within each of multiple frames of images comprised in the video

20 stream; and

obtaining the visual vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera by performing averaging processing on the obtained vanishing-point belonging to the horizon within each of multiple frames of images comprised in the video stream.

25 13. The method according to claim 11, wherein the method further comprises:

obtaining a probabilistic graphic of lane lines according to at least two frames of images in the video stream, wherein the value of each pixel point in the probabilistic graphic indicates a probability of the pixel point belonging to a lane line;

obtaining lane line information of at least two lane lines according to the probabilistic graphic; and

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obtaining the vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the lane line information of the at least two lane lines.

14. The method according to any one of claims 1 to 13, wherein the method further comprises:

calibrating the vehicle-mounted camera according to the pose information;
and/or,

5 determining positioning information of the vehicle according to the pose information.

15. A vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus, comprising:

a lane line detection module, configured to perform lane line detection of a
10 road on which a vehicle drives on the basis of a video stream of the road acquired by a vehicle-mounted camera;

a horizon information obtaining module, configured to obtain horizon
information of the road according to a lane line detection result; and

a pose information obtaining module, configured to obtain pose information of
15 the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information.

16. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the road is a structured road; and/or
the vehicle-mounted camera is mounted at any position on front windshield glass of
the vehicle.

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17. The apparatus according to claim 15 or 16, wherein the pose information of the
vehicle-mounted camera comprises a rotation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera,
and the pose information obtaining module comprises:

a rotation angle obtaining unit, configured to determine the rotation angle of
25 the vehicle-mounted camera according to slope information of the horizon.

18. The apparatus according to any one of claims 15 to 17, wherein the pose
information of the vehicle-mounted camera comprises a horizontal deviation angle of
the vehicle-mounted camera; the apparatus further comprises: a way-points
30 information obtaining module, configured to obtain way-points information of the
vehicle according to the horizon information; and

the pose information obtaining module comprises:

a horizontal deviation angle obtaining unit, configured to obtain a horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the way-points information.

5 19. The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the horizontal deviation angle obtaining unit is configured to obtain the horizontal deviation angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the way-points information and a focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

10 20. The apparatus according to any one of claims 15 to 19, wherein the pose information of the vehicle-mounted camera comprises a pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera.

21. The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the pose information obtaining
15 module comprises:

a pitch angle obtaining unit, configured to obtain the pitch angle of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the horizon information and the focal length of the vehicle-mounted camera.

20 22. The apparatus according to any one of claims 15 to 21, wherein the horizon information obtaining module comprises:

a lane line information obtaining unit, configured to perform lane lines fitting according to the lane line detection result to obtain lane line information of at least two lane lines of the road.

25 a vanishing-point obtaining unit, configured to obtain a vanishing-point of the at least two lane lines according to the lane line information of the at least two lane lines; and

a horizon information obtaining unit, configured to obtain the horizon information according to the vanishing-point of the at least two lane lines.

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23. The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the lane line information obtaining unit is specifically configured to: obtain lane line pixel points belonging to lane lines of the road according to the lane line detection result; and

perform the lane lines fitting according to the lane line pixel points to obtain the lane line information of the at least two lane lines.

24. The apparatus according to claim 22 or 23, wherein the horizon information
5 obtaining unit is specifically configured to:

obtain a vanishing-point probabilistic graphic according to a vanishing-point of lane lines within each of multiple frames of images comprised in the video stream;

obtain a vanishing-point belonging to the horizon according to the vanishing-point probabilistic graphic; and

10 obtain the horizon information according to the obtained vanishing-point belonging to the horizon.

25. The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the way-points information obtaining module is specifically configured to: obtain the way-points information of
15 the vehicle according to the horizon information and a vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera.

26. The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the apparatus further comprises: a vanishing-point obtaining module, configured to: obtain a vanishing-point belonging
20 to a horizon within each of multiple frames of images comprised in the video stream according to a vanishing-point of at least two lane lines within each of multiple frames of images comprised in the video stream; and

obtain the vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera by performing averaging processing on the obtained vanishing-point belonging to the horizon within
25 each of multiple frames of images comprised in the video stream.

27. The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the apparatus further comprises: a vanishing-point obtaining module, configured to: obtain a probability image of lane lines according to at least two frames of images in the video stream, wherein the value
30 of each pixel point in the probability image indicates a probability of the pixel point belonging to a lane line;

obtain lane line information of at least two lane lines according to the probability image; and

obtain the vanishing-point of the vehicle-mounted camera according to the lane line information of the at least two lane lines.

28. The apparatus according to any one of claims 15 to 27, the apparatus further comprises:

a camera calibration module, configured to calibrate the vehicle-mounted camera according to the pose information; and/or,

a vehicle positioning module, configured to determine positioning information of the vehicle according to the pose information.

29. An electronic device, comprising:

a memory, configured to store program instructions; and

a processor, configured to call and execute the program instructions in the memory to execute operations of the method according to any one of claims 1 to 14.

30. A readable storage medium, in which computer programs are stored, wherein the computer programs are configured to execute the operations of the method according to any one of claims 1 to 14.

31. A vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation system, applied to a vehicle, wherein the system comprises a camera mounted on the vehicle and the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation apparatus according to any one of claims 15 to 28 communicatively connected to the camera.

32. A computer program product, comprising computer instructions, wherein when the computer instructions are run in a processor of a device, the operations in the vehicle-mounted camera pose estimation method according to any one of claims 1 to 14 are implemented.